

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A system, comprising:
2 at least one device information file that contains emulation information
3 about at least one device; and
4 an emulator that is adapted to read the at least one device information file
5 and provide an on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation of the at least
6 one device.

1 2. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulation comprises
2 information relating to a set-up procedure of the at least one device.

1 3. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulator is adapted to
2 present the emulation in a manner that approximates information that would be
3 presented by the at least one device during a set-up procedure of the at least one
4 device.

1 4. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulation comprises
2 mouseover information about at least one option.

1 5. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one device
2 comprises a computer display device.

1 6. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one device
2 comprises a computer system.

1 7. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one device
2 comprises a consumer electronics device.

1 8. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulator is available
2 via a network.

1 9. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulator is available
2 via a local CD-ROM drive.

1 10. A method, comprising the acts of:
2 identifying a device information file that comprises emulation information
3 about a set-up procedure associated with at least one device;

4 invoking an emulator that is adapted to access the device information file
5 and provide an emulation that is based on the emulation
6 information; and
7 providing instruction to a user based on the emulation.

1 11. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of providing an
2 on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation based on the emulation information.

1 12. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the
2 emulation to be presented in a manner that approximates an output provided by the
3 at least one device.

1 13. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the
2 emulation to comprise mouseover information about at least one set-up option.

1 14. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the
2 at least one device to comprise a computer display device.

1 15. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the
2 at least one device to comprise a computer system.

1 16. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the
2 at least one device to comprise a consumer electronics device.

1 17. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of accessing
2 the emulator via a network.

1 18. The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of accessing
2 the emulator via a local CD-ROM drive.

1 19. A system, comprising:
2 at least one device information file that contains emulation information
3 about at least one device; and
4 means for providing an on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation of the at least
5 one device based on the emulation information about the at least
6 one device.

1 20. The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the emulation comprises
2 information relating to a set-up procedure of the at least one device.

1 21. The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the means for providing
2 an emulation is adapted to present the emulation in a manner that approximates
3 information that would be presented by the at least one device during a set-up
4 procedure of the at least one device.

1 22. The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the emulation comprises
2 mouseover information about at least one option.

1 23. The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the at least one device
2 comprises a computer display device.

1 24. The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the at least one device
2 comprises a computer system.

1 25. The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the at least one device
2 comprises a consumer electronics device.

1 26. A computer program, comprising:
2 a machine readable medium;

3 at least one device information file stored on the machine readable medium,
4 the device information file containing emulation information about
5 at least one device; and
6 an emulator stored on the machine readable medium, the emulator being
7 adapted to read the at least one device information file and provide
8 an emulation of a set-up procedure associated with the at least one
9 device.

1 27. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the device
2 information file comprises information relating to the set-up procedure of the at
3 least one device.

1 28. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the device
2 information file comprises mouseover information about at least one option.

1 29. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the at least
2 one device comprises a computer display device.

1 30. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the at least
2 one device comprises a computer system.

1 31. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the at least
2 one device comprises a consumer electronics device.

1 32. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the machine
2 readable medium comprises a network storage device.

1 33. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the machine
2 readable medium comprises a local CD-ROM drive.

1 34. The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the emulation
2 comprises an on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation.